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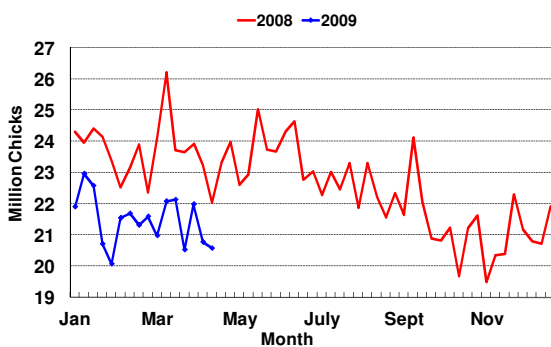
### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 7 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.6 million during the week ending April 18, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 1 percent from the previous week.

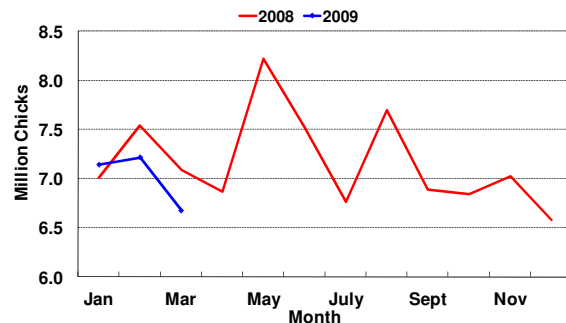
Arkansas hatcheries set 24.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 18, 2009, down 10 percent from the same period last year but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.68 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2009, down 6 percent from March 2008.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2008-2009



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 21, 2009 - April 18, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	21-Mar	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	21-Mar	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	30,024	29,633 *	29,562	29,892 *	30,114	20,008	20,203	19,932	20,917 *	20,393
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>23,279</b>	<b>23,120</b>	<b>23,992</b>	<b>23,415</b>	<b>23,986</b>	<b>22,138</b>	<b>20,525</b>	<b>21,990</b>	<b>20,771</b>	<b>20,573</b>
Delaware	3,454	3,559	3,469	3,580 *	3,585	5,014	4,872	5,211	4,473 *	4,370
Florida	977	995 *	946	956	979	704	703	707	707	726
Georgia	30,699	31,392	31,706	31,801	30,783	28,238	26,760	27,251	25,635 *	26,003
Kentucky	7,522	7,939 *	7,650	7,599	7,822	7,016	6,459	5,678	5,832	6,032
Louisiana	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	3,465	1,909	1,901	1,892	1,901
Maryland	8,572	8,910	9,053	9,169	9,160	6,640	6,267	6,088	6,597 *	6,661
Mississippi	17,779	17,624	17,870	17,750	17,622	16,763	16,724	17,067	16,764	16,491
N. Carolina	19,103 *	18,628 *	19,075	18,915 *	19,033	15,462	15,458	15,964	16,074 *	15,666
Oklahoma	6,841	6,921 *	6,949	6,885	6,793	3,292	4,616	4,069	5,648	4,531
Pennsylvania	3,804	3,695	3,919	3,931 *	3,981	3,263	3,181	3,226	2,978 *	2,924
S. Carolina	5,805	5,431	5,799	5,624	5,538	4,602	4,500	4,359	4,759	4,753
Texas	14,830	15,394	15,329	14,959	15,324	13,301	13,278	13,285	12,735 *	13,385
Virginia	5,989	6,170	6,179	6,158	6,179	4,308	4,607	4,764	4,310	4,911
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,469	18,190 *	19,906 *	19,978 *	19,560	16,419	16,945	17,456 *	16,599 *	17,322
19 State Total	200,377 *	199,831 *	203,634 *	202,842 *	202,689	170,633	167,007	168,948 *	166,691 *	166,642
Prev. Year Total	215,850	214,627	217,082	215,925	214,822	181,091	180,372	181,007	177,613	177,156
% of Prev. Year	93	93	94	94	94	94	93	93	94	94

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 18, 2009 were 2.68 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.